GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:371
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2001
HANDICRAFTS ARTISANS
DUKHA BHAGAT;RATNA SINGH

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an All India census to identify the number of handicraft artisans is being conducted;

(b) if so, the outcome of the census so far;

(c) the number of such artisans at present in each State/Union Territory; and

(d) the details of Development Central Schemes launched to help the artisans?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.371 for answer on 14.12.2001.

(a) & (b): An All India census to, determine the number of handicraft artisans in the country, was conducted in the year 1995-96 under the aegis of the National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New DelhiAs per the census report, the total population of handicraft artisans is estimated to be 47,61,186.

(c): The number of handicraft artisans, State/Union Territory-wise, is as per Annexure attached.

(d): A new scheme titled `Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana` (AHVY) whichhas recently been launched, seeks to develop selected clusters of handicraft artisans into professionally managed, self - reliant community enterprises, working on the principle of effective member participation and mutual cooperation. The other schemes include: training for skill upgradation; design and technology upgradation; exhibition and publicity; setting up of craft development centres and common facility centres; workshed-cum-housing; health package and group insurance and conferring of National Awards to outstanding crafts persons.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.371 for answer on 14.12.2001.

State wise Coverage (Units & Artisans by Location) for the Census of Handicrafts Artisans

(Figures in Numbers)

S.No.	States/Unions Territory	UNITS Rural	Urban	Both	Artisans Rural	Urban	Both
1	Andhra Pradesh	62,966	13,317	76,283	97,372	24,508	121,880
2	Arunachal Pradesh	3,821	223	4,044	14,880	855	15,735
3	Assam	28,103	2,257	30,360	92,665	7,817	100,482
4	Bihar	63,652	6,881	70,533	190,913	22,202	213,115
5	Delhi	640	16,381	17,021	1,555	43,349	44,904
6	Goa	448	124	572	886	236	1,122
7	Gujarat	25,285	7,412	32,697	115,915	26,055	141,970
8	Haryana	12,529	3,693	16,222	60,728	57,205	117,933
9	Jammu & Kashmir	85,450	48,482	133,932	349,647	192,472	542,119
10	Himachal Pradesh	25,929	129	26,058	48,707	308	49,015
11	Karnataka	4,089	8,294	12,383	7,497	14,282	21,779
12	Kerala	6,711	684	7,395	13,670	1,588	15,258
13	Madhya Pradesh	10,828	11,126	21,954	23,664	27,459	51,123
14	Maharashtra	25,372	27,077	52,449	93,816	19,000	112,816

15 Manipur	78,623	19,428	98,051	302,547	77,441	379,988
16 Meghalaya	10,812	700	11,512	50,186	3,378	53,564
17 Mizoram	1,203	1,010	2,213	2,535	2,725	5,260
18 Nagaland	15,340	2,263	17,603	69,293	10,585	79,878
19 Orissa	24,169	1,799	25,968	64,050	5,306	69,356
20 Punjab	45,920	7,837	53,757	84,707	17,200	101,907
21 Rajasthan	63,411	65,460	128,871	202,212	205,488	407,700
22 Sikkim	743	1,455	2,198	2,646	7,122	9,768
23 Tamil Nadu	22,737	9,009	31,746	89,414	35,928	125,342
24 Tripura	75,940	1,435	77,375	239,031	5,464	244,495
25 Uttar Pradesh	230,769	53,035	283,804	927,346	249,183	1,176,529
26 West Bengal	211,667	7,030	218,697	535,389	18,892	554,281
Union Territory						
27 Andman & Nocobar	399	96	495	854	236	1,090
28 Chandigarh	47	121	168	85	345	430
29 Dadra & Nagar Hav.	101	0	101	111	0	111
30 Daman & Diu	88	130	218	104	174	278
31 Lakshadweep	24	0	24	126	0	126
32 Pondicherry	104	248	352	490	1,342	1,832
All India	1,137,920	317,136	1,455,056	3,683,041	1,078,145	4,761,186